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Application No. 09/909,980  
Response to Office Action

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): T. SUZUKI

Serial No. : 09/909,980

Filed : July 23, 2001

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Art Unit : 3739

Examiner : John P. Leubecker

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-EXAMINING GROUP**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed  
September 22, 2004, the term for response to which expires on  
December 22, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 3-6, 9,  
11-19, 21, 22, 24 and 26-30 are canceled; claims 2, 7, 8, 10, 20,  
23 and 25 are amended; and claim 31 is maintained.

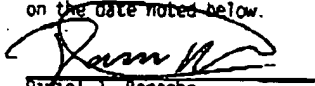
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Dated: November 23, 2004

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